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SUBJECT: GOQ TO SUPPORT GENS DE L AIR APPEAL

1. PREMIER LEVESQUE ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY 12 THAT GOQ WILL SUPPORT AN APPEAL- SHOULD ONE BE MADE- BY GENS DE L AIR AGAINST A COURT RULING UPHOLDING A FEDERAL ORDER RESTRICTING THE USE OF FRENCH TO SEVEN SMALL AIRPORTS IN THE PROVINCE. LEVESQUE MADE HIS PLEDGE AFTER FEDERAL COURT OF CANADA JUSTICE LOUIS MARCEAU, FOUND IN HIS JUDGEMENT NO GROUNDS FOR RULING THE FEDERAL ORDER INVALID. THE PREMIER MADE HIS COMMITMENT TO THE ASSOCIATION OF FRENCH-SPEAKING PILOTS AND AIR CONTROLLERS WHICH CLAIMS TO REPRESENT 4,000 QUEBECOIS AVIATION WORKERS AFTER HEARING THAT GENS DE L AIR COULD NOT AFFORD TO APPEAL THE JUDGEMENT WITHOUT GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE. LEVESQUE NOTED THAT THE CABINET AND THE PARTY COUNTED MANY ACTIVE SUPORTERS OF THE GENS DE L AIR IN ITS RANKS AND WILL CERTAINLY BE PREPARED TO HELP. LEVESQUE CAUTIONED IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO STATE THE EACT NATURE OF GOQ'S FUTURE SUPPORT BUT THAT FINANCIAL HELP WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IF NEEDED.

2. COMMENT: LEVESQUE'S CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR GENS DE L AIR DEMONSTRATES THE DEPTH OF EMOTIONS INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE
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FOR QUEBECERS AND THE FACT THAT THIS IS ONE ISSUE WHICH WILL NOT GO AWAY QUIETLY. AS WE SAID LAST SUMMER WHEN THE ISSUE FIRST SURFACED, IT IS READY-MADE FOR EXPLOITATION BY SEPARATISTS IN THEIR EFFORTS CONVINCE QUEBECERS OF DISADVANTAGES INHERENT IN QUEBECS REMAINING IN AN ANGLOPHONE DOMINATED CANADIAN CONFEDERATION.
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